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1. In Misiones, Argentina, many of the Slav colonists are receiving Soviet passports. [REDACTED] possibly 50% of the colonists who receive these passports are not Communist sympathizers, but are merely ignorant persons, who have been bullied or persuaded into exchanging the documents on which they arrived in South America for Soviet documentation.
2. Soviet representatives are constantly arriving in the region under the pretext of distributing these passports to the colonists. Recently, Igor Budarin, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires, visited in Misiones. He is believed to have had short interviews with a number of well-known Communists among the colonists. There were various meetings where Budarin spoke to the colonists on the necessity of remaining in Argentina, arguing that the food situation in Russia is very difficult at the present time.

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